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REMARKS

Claims 1-79 are pending in the present application.

The Office Action sets forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 for an election of a single species from those specified as follows:

I: Figs. 3-5	XIV: Figs. 43, 44	XXVII: Figs. 69, 73, 77
II: Fig. 6	XV: Figs. 46, 47	XXVIII: Figs. 70, 74, 78
III: Figs. 7-9	XVI: Fig. 48	XXIX: Figs. 71, 75, 79
IV: Figs. 10-12	XVII: Figs. 49, 50	XXX: Fig. 80
V: Figs. 15, 16	XVIII: Figs. 51-55	XXXI: Fig. 81
VI: Fig. 17	XIX: Figs. 57, 58	XXXII: Fig. 82
VII: Figs. 18, 19, 25, 29	XX: Fig. 60	XXXIII: Fig. 84
VIII: Figs. 20, 26, 30	XXI: Fig. 61	XXXIV: Fig. 86
IX: Figs. 21, 22, 27, 31	XXII: Fig. 62	XXXV: Fig. 87
X: Figs. 23, 24, 28, 32	XXIII: Fig. 63	XXXVI: Fig. 88
XI: Figs. 33-35	XXIV: Fig. 66	XXXVII: Figs. 89-92
XII: Figs. 36-38	XXV: Fig. 67	XXXVIII: Fig. 94
XIII: Figs. 39-41	XXVI: Figs. 68, 72, 76	

Applicant hereby elects species V (Figs. 15 and 16).

Claims readable on elected species V include claims 21, 22, 24-26, 28, 37-43, 45, 72-75, and 78.

The requirement is respectfully traversed to the extent that Fig. 66 is identified as a separate species (Species XXIV) from elected Species V (Figs. 15 and 16). Specifically, since the embodiment shown in Fig. 66 differs from the embodiment of Figs. 15 and 16 only in the types of the transistors used (thus only in the polarities in their respective

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circuit configuration), the embodiment of Fig. 66 should be included in the elected species.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

Any fee required for such Petition for Extension of Time, and any other fee required by this document, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith, should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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